

**OUR NEXT MEETING SEPTEMBER 24TH, 2:15 PM
BRING A FRIEND. PRIZES AND SURPRISES.**



SEPTEMBER



The Village Press - September 2023

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Bonnie Eichholtz



Hi Everyone,

Welcome back! I hope all of you had a very relaxing and enjoyable summer. We have a lot of happenings lined up in the coming months. Our September 24th meeting is quickly approaching. This month is our “Bring a Friend” meeting. Last year we were pleased to welcome five new members to our club who are as happy to have joined us as we are to have them. We hope to do so again. I’m very pleased to inform you that George Fells, our longtime member, will be demonstrating one of his many talents. George will be sculpturing Styrofoam; you will not want to miss his demonstration.

Our October 22nd meeting is our Club’s Birthday/Halloween Party. This will include Costume and Vignette Contests, along with prizes. See more info in the Newsletter. Jessica, our Programs Director, has offered to do a “Creating Mountains” Make n’ Take. I’m sure this will be of interest to all.

Our November 19th meeting is our “Grinch Exchange” and “Toys for Tots” Campaign. This is another of our anticipated meetings, as it brings much laughter and lots of fun.

I’d like to take this opportunity to congratulate our longtime member, Norm Barrett, for being a nominee for Collector of the Year. Norm has been in our club for more than 25 years and an avid collector and supporter of our club. He loves buying, collecting and displaying Department 56 villages. Just visit his home!! Congratulation, Norm.



On behalf of The Village Landlords, we send our Congratulations to Chad Harmon, named Collector of the Year, a much deserved honor. Congratulations Chad!

We, as Department 56 Collectors and members of a collectors' club, know the real joy of collecting and the happiness it brings in allowing us to meet new lifelong friends, sharing our display creations by opening our homes and just having such an enjoyable hobby that allows us to create our own personalized village. Being able to sit back and enjoy our little lighted villages is a great feeling in itself. So, "Lets Spread the Joy", the board would like to hear from you. Please submit any ideas you may have on bringing new members into our family of collectors and on bringing clubs together to participate in shared events. Bring your ideas to the meeting with you or contact a board member. We welcome your input. Thank you! I look forward to seeing you on the 24th.

Oh, I almost forgot, I am planning to hold a Fall/Halloween Open House next month on October 21st. It is a Saturday evening and will begin at 7PM and go until "Bewitching Hour". Please do not eat before you come as there will be plenty of food. Please bring a guest or two or more! I'm looking forward to seeing you then!!

Bonnie Eichholtz



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TREASURER'S REPORT by Bob Obenland



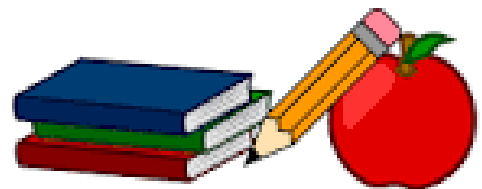
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Bank Balance Date	2023
Treasurer's Report	Sep
Beginning Balance	\$1,898.06
Deposits	
Advertising	\$0.00
Membership	\$15.00
Picnic	\$0.00
NCC Sales	\$0.00
Inventory Sales	\$0.00
Ronald McDonald display	\$0.00
Shirt Sales	\$0.00
other	\$0.00
Pin Sales	\$0.00
Donations	\$0.00
Raffle	\$80.00
total deposits	\$95.00
Expenses	
Bell South	\$0.00
Copies	\$0.00
Donations	\$0.00
meeting	\$25.00
NCC dues	\$36.00
Other	\$0.00
Ronald McDonald display	\$0.00
Picnic	\$0.00
Storage	\$0.00
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PO Box	\$0.00
raffle prizes	\$0.00
Refreshments	\$0.00
Pins	\$0.00
Shirt Sales	\$0.00
Shirts	\$0.00
Stamps	\$0.00
total expenses	\$61.00
Ending Balance	\$1,932.06
	\$50.00
	\$1,982.06

Welcome back! It is hard to believe it is September already.

We hope you all got through the hot summer ok.



Bob



SEPTEMBER

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General Meeting Minutes from April 23, 2023



By Kathy Tavernia

Board Members Present: Bonnie Eichholtz, Peggy Layton, Gene Armeno, Bob Obenland, Gisela Suarez, Frank Cavanaugh, Ken Moore and Jonathan Stout.

Bonnie called the meeting to order and welcomed all.

Secretary: All members present received their Newsletter. There were no questions so the motion to accept the minutes was made by Gisela Suarez and seconded by Nancy Fernon. The motion carried.

Treasurer: Bob said to see the printed report. There were no questions so a motion to accept the report was made by Chet Rosenbaum and seconded by George Fells. The motion carried.

Prizes and Raffles: Gene Armeno said there would be regular door prizes and special raffles. There was a bad leak in the storage unit and accessories got wet and boxes were destroyed on some (Jack's Umbrella, signed by Jack, available today) table destroyed, wants plastic tubs so \$100 approved by club.

Newsletter: Thanks Gisela Suarez for a great newsletter that everyone received.

Web: Jon Stout has said our website has a 5 year renewal plan. This motion was approved by George Fells and seconded by Joe LaMonica. A replacement is needed to be the club's webmaster. Members, please consider volunteering for this position.

Swap & Sell: There were no tables reserved for April. There are 2 tables reserved for September. Tables must be reserved via email only at Ktavernia@aol.com



Hospitality: Ken Moore and Frank Cavanaugh thanked everyone for their delicious donations. The Board will bring the goodies for the September meeting.

New Business

Programs: Jessica Spicer has prepared a Make n' Take. She has prepared a "Flower Cart" for us. In Jessica's absence,

Johathan and Peggy will conduct the Make n' Take.



Annual Picnic was March 26th and we had 37 in attendance brought in \$350 in picnic fees plus \$70 from the 50/50 raffle totaling \$420. After subtracting expenses (\$349.90) we had \$70.10 left.

UPCOMING EVENTS

August 16-19: Golden Glow Gathering, Arlington, VA (Washington, DC area).

September 4: Board Meeting @ Peggy's house, 7:30 pm

September 24th: General Meeting. **"Bring A Friend" meeting.** George Fells will do a Halloween-themed Styrofoam demonstration.

October 2nd: Board Meeting at Norm's house, 7:30 pm

October 22nd: General Meeting, Birthday (Cake!)/Halloween Party with Costume and Vignette Contests.

November 6th: Board Meeting at Bonnie's house, 7:30 pm

November 19th: General Meeting. Toys 4 Tots and Grinch Exchange

Adjourned at 4:45 pm.



Raffles and Prizes, April 23, 2023

Door Prizes

1. Dickens Carolers
2. Fifty-Six Street Lights
3. Fish n' Chips to Go
4. Harvest Seed Cart
5. How Bubble Lights
6. Java Brew for Two
7. Mm! Mm! Good
8. On Top of the World
9. Round & Round We Go
10. Woodsman & Boy

Mimi Dickson
Janice Prescod
Frank Cavanaugh
Bonnie Eichholtz
Joe LaMonica
Joe LaMonica
Janice Prescod
Frank Cavanaugh
Valerie Williams
Peggy Layton

Raffle Prizes

1. A Good Days Catch
2. Fezziwig Delivery Wagon
3. Future Hockey Star
4. Kingsford Brew House
5. Looney Tunes Animated Film Festival
6. Reindeer Barn
7. Under the Umbrella
8. Vision of a Christmas Past

Chet Rosenbaum
Rosemary DeJesus
Peggy Layton
Gisela Suarez
Dottie Winzell
Joe LaMonica
Pat Lyons
Bonnie Eichholtz

Mystery House

DV Nephew Fred's Flat

George Fells

Special Raffle

Ronald MacDonald House

Dottie Winzell



Images from our April 23, 2023 General Meeting



National Council of 56 Club The Golden Glow of Christmas Past Convention 2023 - by Bob Obenland



August saw the first gathering in four years with several of our members in attendance (Robert & Genevieve Alt, Bonnie & Ron Eichholtz, Jeffery Kirchner, Carlos & Gisela Suarez, and myself). The gathering was part of the Glow convention (The Glow is for collectors of all Christmas items older than 40 years) with all but one of the seminars for village collectors. The Glow set the theme on the movie A Christmas Story and its 40th anniversary. I took lots of grief from our attending members for never seeing the movie, but I did win the first big prize of all the houses and accessories from “A Christmas Story” From the picture, Bonnie really got into the spirit.



The big news was that D56 now has a new owner. Enesco and D56 were bought by Joel Weishanker (founder and chairman/CEO of NECA that now owns Enesco that owns D56). We met the new Vice President of Product Tim Haney. Tim told us about future plans for D56 and that a new store Enesco Gallery & Museum, featuring Jim Shore & Department 56, is being opened November 16th in Memphis across the street from Graceland.



Bob Obenland

Images from The Golden Glow of Christmas Past Convention in Washington, D.C.



Past and present Presidents of the NCC, our own Bob Obenland, Peggy Culler-Hair, Richard Pucket and the current President, Brandon Taylor.



Representing The Village Landlords



A preamble of what will be a new store, Enesco Gallery & Museum, featuring Jim Shore & Department 56, will open on November 16th in Memphis across the street from Graceland.



Game night was fun!!!



Our Newsletter Editor, Gisela Suarez and Melinda Seegers, Ms. Lit Town



Our friend and member, Jeffery Kirchner



Our President, Bonnie Eichholtz, really got into the spirit





The Board has decided to make “Bring a Friend” an annual tradition. Last year we invited all members to bring a friend to our September meeting and it was a success. We were able to make new friends and recruit excellent members for the Club. This year, as it was before, there will be lots of prizes for the visitors and also for the member who brings a friend, or two. There is no need for advanced notice. If you have any questions, call or email our President Bonnie Eichholtz

OTHER NEWS

Exciting Halloween News, as you read in Bonnie Eichholtz article, she is planning a Halloween Open House on Saturday October 21st at 7PM. Do not miss it!!!



The Village Chronicler website, is a free, online resource created for present and future generations of Department 56 collectors. The website provides a wide array of background information on the company and its history along with trustworthy, insightful, and informative information, in a “real-time” format, regarding anything Village related. This site also provides the most accurate and up to date History List(s) of individual Villages including pictures, item numbers and years of availability

The Village Chronicler

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Directions to the Meeting on September 24th, at 2:15 pm.

6601 Blvd of Champions, North Lauderdale, FL 33068

[Map to the NEW site for the Village Landlords Meeting Location](#)

New Meeting Location: Champion's Hall
6601 Blvd of Champions, North Lauderdale, FL 33068

From the North or South
Take I95 to exit 36B, West Atlantic Blvd. Go west about 4 miles then turn left onto SR7 / 441 Go south on 441 for about 2 miles, then turn right onto Blvd of Champions

From West
Take SR 869 / Sawgrass Expressway to exit 8, West Atlantic Blvd Go east about 6 miles then turn right onto SR7 / 441. Go south on 441 for about 2 miles, then turn right onto Blvd of Champions

The following members have offered to provide the snacks for September 24th.

Frank and Kenny
Peggy and Dan
Gisela and Carlos
Jonathan Stout



Gene Armeno
Bonnie Eichholtz
Bob Obenland
Kathy Tavernia

Thank you!!!

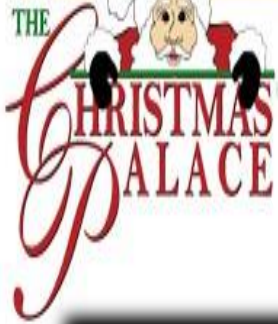


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VILLAGE LANDLORDS MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

DATE: ___/___/202___

Membership year is from January 1st–December 31. All information is confidential and used for club purposes only. Please fill out application and return along with the membership fee of \$15.00 per person or \$25.00 per family. Make checks payable to Robert Obenland and mail it to 774 ViaGrande, Boynton Beach, FL, 33427.

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____

STATE: _____ ZIP: _____

HOME PHONE #: _____

E-MAIL: _____



1. What year did you start collecting? h

Would you be interested in hosting a Christmas House Tour in December or January?

Yes No Possibly Need more information

What activities would you be interested in seeing at the meetings?

Display Techniques Guest Speakers Social Events Workshops Other _____

If you marked other, specify: _____

Comments : _____

What do you collect?

_____ Dickens' Village
_____ Christmas in the City
_____ New England Village
_____ Snow Village
_____ North Pole
_____ Alpine Village
_____ Snowbabies
_____ Snowbunnies
_____ Winter Silhouette
_____ Little Town of Bethlehem
_____ Seasons Bay

Other: _____